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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of a first Office Action, but before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an

action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application, after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
09/882,857	06-15-2001	Van Dantzich et al.
10/021,621	12-12-2001	Horvitz et al.
10/220,550	08-30-2002	Horvitz
10/610,487	06-30-2003	Horvitz et al.
10/882,019	06-30-2004	Horvitz et al.
10/882,068	06-30-2004	Nodelman et al.
11/171,868	06-29-2005	Horvitz et al.
11/172,476	06-30-2005	Horvitz et al.
11/299,512	12-12-2005	Horvitz et al.
11/428,225	06-30-2006	Horvitz
11/469,058	08-31-2006	Horvitz et al.
11/548,569	10-11-2006	Abbott et al.
11/749,508	05-16-2007	Horvitz et al.
11/770,772	06-29-2007	Horvitz et al.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
12/258,749	10-27-2008	Horvitz
12/418,226	04-03-2009	Horvitz

The co-pending applications identified above include subject matter which may be technically related to subject matter of the present applications and may contain claims that recite elements similar to those recited in claims of the present application. In handling prosecution of the above-identified applications, the Examiners for the other applications will search for relevant prior art and, in some circumstances, take positions about the prior art and/or the interpretation of the claims that may be material to the examination of the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the file history of the above-identified applications to determine whether there is any information that the Examiner believes may be relevant to the prosecution of the present application. It is assumed that the Examiner has access to the file history of the above-identified applications, and Applicant does not plan to provide copies of items from that file. However, if the Examiner would like copies of any or all of the information included in the file history of the above-identified applications, or any other information related to these applications, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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